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**Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *May 02, Reuters* — **New York faces tough deadline on Indian Pt. Nuke.** New York State faces a tough deadline. Either come up with a new evacuation plan for its controversial Indian

Point nuclear power plant by the end of the week or risk shutting down one of the state's biggest power stations. **Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, there has been a groundswell of public sentiment to shut the plant, which is only 35 miles (56 km) north of Manhattan, or at least come up with a better plan for protecting people living near it from radiation in the event of a major accident or attack. Shutting the plant, however, would take nearly 2,000 megawatts of electricity off the grid, enough for 2 million homes in an area already stretching to meet power demand.** Even before September 11, Indian Point has been under public scrutiny for its poor safety record. Some 280 elected officials in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have supported the plant's shutdown, including eight members of Congress. State and local officials have refused to certify the plant's existing emergency plan because they do not think it can adequately protect residents in the heavily populated area from a terror attack. **An NRC shutdown is seen as unlikely, however. The plant produces some of the cheapest electricity in the state and provides up to a fifth of all power used in New York City and its northern suburbs.**

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3813820](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3813820)

2. *May 02, Reuters* — **Talks sought to end Nigerian oil strike. Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has called for talks on Friday to try to end a strike by Nigerian oil workers, who have seized four offshore rigs and held nearly 100 foreigners captive for more than two weeks, a union official said Friday.** The official, Joseph Akinlaja, the secretary general of the oil union Nupeng, said Obasanjo had asked Nigeria's main labor union, the Nigeria Labor Conference, to call the meeting between strikers and Transocean, the world's biggest offshore drilling contractor, which owns the seized rigs. **The strikers are holding 35 Britons, 17 Americans and other foreign workers off Nigeria's southeastern coast. They have called for the reinstatement of five union officials who were disciplined by Transocean.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/02/international/africa/02NIG E.html?ex=1052896565199d10f1>

3. *May 01, The Blade (Toledo, Ohio)* — **FirstEnergy officials say nuclear power plant to restart in June or July.** FirstEnergy Corp. officials hedged yesterday on the already delayed timeline for Davis-Besse's restart, saying the nuclear power plant (near Toledo, OH) could be operating by the end of June or even July — up to six weeks later than last publicly estimated. **Officials for the Akron utility told analysts and investors during a first-quarter earnings conference call yesterday that getting the restart right — not its exact timing — is most important.** Meanwhile, power to replace the lost output will cost \$45 million from April through June and, if needed, \$25 million each in July and August, and more has been secured beyond summer, analysts and investors were told. **The nuclear power plant has been shut down since February 2002, at first for refueling and then because workers discovered that leaking boric acid had eaten a hole in the reactor's head.**

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3813581](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3813581)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *May 02, Washington Post* — **Air Force's Roche picked to head Army.** Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has chosen the secretary of the Air Force, James G. Roche, to become the next secretary of the Army, Pentagon insiders said Thursday night. **Roche's selection is unusual for several reasons. Most notably, he is a career Navy officer, now named to oversee the Army; and he is a former Democratic staff director of the Senate Armed Services Committee, now being appointed by a Republican administration.** His selection appeared to signal that Rumsfeld is determined to impose sweeping changes on the Army, which he has come to see as the most resistant of the services to his agenda of "transforming" the military so it can better fight in the 21st century. **In a related personnel move, Rumsfeld is contemplating promoting to four stars the three officers who commanded the service components in the war in Iraq and moving them into the No. 2 position in their respective services, the insiders said.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A2900-2003May1.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *May 04, New York Times* — **Small businesses still wait for 9/11 relief.** Four months after applying for government aid under a program to help small businesses in Lower Manhattan recover from the World Trade Center attack, 1,600 businesses are still waiting for their promised grants, and government officials now say they will have to wait up to two months more. Owners of many businesses say they need the money now as they continue struggling to overcome steep losses they suffered when the September 2001 terrorist attack forced them to close for weeks or months and then led to sharply reduced business after they reopened. **The undelivered grants total more than \$54 million, an average of nearly \$34,000 each. But the state agency that runs the World Trade Center Business Recovery Grant Program says that the delay, paradoxically, is a sign of the program's success. Officials of the agency, the Empire State Development Corporation, say the program drew so many qualified applicants that the total amount of the approved grants, \$535.3 million, exceeded the \$481 million that the agency established for the program.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/04/nyregion/04SMAL.html>

6. *April 30, U.S. Department of the Treasury* — **Treasury and federal financial regulators issue final Patriot Act Regulations on customer identification.** The Department of the Treasury, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and the seven federal financial regulators on Wednesday issued final rules that require certain financial institutions to establish procedures to verify the identity of new account holders. **These final regulations implement section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act, which directs that regulations be issued requiring that financial institutions implement reasonable procedures to (1) verify the identity of any person opening an account; (2) maintain records of the information used to verify the person's identity; and (3) determine whether the person appears on any list of known or suspected terrorists or terrorist organizations.** The regulations apply to banks and trust companies,

savings associations, credit unions, securities brokers and dealers, mutual funds, futures commission merchants, and futures introducing brokers.

Source: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/press/bcreg/2003/200304302/default.htm>

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## **Transportation Sector**

7. *May 03, Boston Globe* — **Chicago controllers report safety risk . Air traffic controllers in the Chicago area, complaining of insufficient staffing and increasing traffic at the world's busiest airport, are asking the National Transportation Safety Board to investigate their working conditions and warn of a risk to public safety.** Ray Gibbons, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association local chapter at Chicago Terminal Radar Approach Control in Elgin, IL, said he contacted the safety board this week **after 12 errors in two facilities serving O'Hare International Airport in the past 15 days.** Controllers at TRACON in Elgin oversee a 40-mile radius around the airport while the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center in Aurora, IL, oversees 109 square miles around O'Hare. Both centers are affected when one has difficulties. **On Monday, a software glitch caused the radar system used to direct planes to O'Hare to malfunction and was shut down.** Controllers switched to a backup system, causing delays at the airport. To maintain safety, Gibbons said controllers spaced approaching planes 5 miles apart instead of the normal 3 miles. **On Tuesday, a badly overloaded sector at TRACON in Elgin forced controllers to scramble to separate aircraft and sort out a host of potential conflicts,** Gibbons said.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/123/nation/Chicago\\_control\\_lers\\_report\\_safety\\_risk+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/123/nation/Chicago_control_lers_report_safety_risk+.shtml)

8. *May 02, Reuters* — **United Airlines posts \$1.3 billion loss .** United Airlines parent UAL Corp. on Friday posted a \$1.3 billion quarterly loss as the war in Iraq hurt travel demand and raised fuel costs in the first months of the air carrier's bankruptcy restructuring. **UAL , which filed the largest bankruptcy in U.S. airline history in December, said the loss amounted to \$14.16 per share, compared with a loss of \$510 million, or \$9.22 per share, a year earlier.** United said it expects capacity to be lower than previously announced, and that it has seen some improvement in transatlantic bookings. Operating revenue fell to \$3.18 billion in the quarter from \$3.29 billion a year earlier. **United on Wednesday secured bankruptcy court approval for labor cost cuts of \$2.56 billion per year over the next six years to satisfy lenders who provided crucial cash for the air carrier's restructuring.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A4903-2003May2 .html>

9. *May 02, Associated Press* — **U.S. uncovers al Qaeda plot to crash plane into U.S. consulate in Pakistan.** U.S. authorities say they have uncovered a plan by al Qaeda to crash an explosives-laden aircraft into the American consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. **That prompted the U.S. Homeland Security Department to warn about possible attacks in the United States. In the United States, the warning was issued Thursday to U.S. pilots and airport managers as part of a broader bulletin urging vigilance to guard against similar attacks in America.** Homeland Security officials say there is no specific evidence about an attack using small aircraft in the United States. But the advisory says al Qaeda could try to use such planes because they are easily available and require less pilot skill than large jets. **Pilots and airport**

**officials and workers were urged to be extra alert for suspicious people and activity, aircraft with unusual modifications or people loading unusual cargo onto an aircraft.** There are about 18,000 private landing sites in the United States, many with little or no security. After the September 11 terrorist attacks, the government grounded thousands of crop-dusters amid fears the planes could be used in an airborne chemical or biological attack. **Restrictions also have been established for private planes around nuclear power plants, military installations and in Washington and other cities.**

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/cp/world/030503/w050314.html>

10. *May 02, CNN* — **Hazardous materials truckers to be checked. The Transportation Security Administration announced Friday it will begin requiring commercial drivers who carry hazardous materials to undergo background checks. The requirement will go into effect Monday when the new rule — required under the USA Patriot Act — is published in the Federal Register.** "This is a landmark rule in that it establishes vital safeguards to protect our national transportation network from possible acts of terrorism," said James M. Loy, administrator for the Transportation Security Administration. The Teamsters union, which has not yet formally taken a position on the checks, said almost all its 65,000-member drivers have hazardous materials endorsements on their licenses because almost all of them carry hazardous materials at some time. **The checks also will verify that drivers are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States. Under the rule, states will be forbidden from issuing, renewing, transferring or upgrading a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement unless the applicant has passed the background check.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/05/02/truck.driver.security/index.html>

11. *May 01, Internet Week* — **Homeland security rules heighten need for supply-chain automation.** Starting next week, U.S. Customs will crack down on enforcement of rules meant to tighten security on goods arriving at the nation's ports. **The anti-terrorist regulations, part of the federal government's Homeland Security initiative, require ocean shippers to file manifests for container-packed cargo 24 hours before leaving foreign ports. By knowing the contents of the 11 million sea containers entering U.S. waters annually, Customs hopes to prevent terrorists from hiding a radioactive bomb on a freighter and detonating it at a homeport.** Preparation of export, import, and clearance documents is no small matter for shippers and carriers. A typical air-freight shipment, for example, takes eight to 12 days, with the cargo en route only 5 percent of that time. When not traveling, shipments sit in warehouses waiting for documents and compliance checks, Aberdeen said. To meet the 24-hour rule and other regulations associated with the initiative, industry experts are recommending shippers at least automate the documentation process. **The government does allow shippers, carriers, and forwarders to file documents electronically through systems like the Census Bureau's Automated Export System and the Bureau of Export Administration's Simplified Network Application Process.**

Source: <http://www.internetweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=9400223>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

12. *May 02, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **Russia will approve U.S. poultry plants. Russia Agricultural Minister Alexei Gordeyev says most U.S. poultry plants that were not cleared by Russian health inspections last year now will be approved to export to Russian markets.** "According to our figures, 65–70% already adhere to the norms, the poultry norms," Gordeyev said in a visit to the United States. "In fact, the imports already are under way." Richard Lobb, a spokesman for the National Chicken Council, said that was welcome news, but he wanted a more specific number for plants that have been approved. He said U.S. and Russian officials have yet to agree on the criteria that Russian inspectors will use when checking plants for approval.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=497t>>

13. *May 02, Agricultural Research Service* — **New vaccine to fight salmonella in eggs. Scientists at the Agricultural Research Service's Southeast Poultry Research Laboratory, Athens, GA, have developed a vaccine to protect hens exposed to Salmonella enteritidis.** Hens infected with Salmonella can transmit the organism into their eggs. People who eat infected eggs can get salmonellosis, a disease characterized by nausea, vomiting and severe diarrhea. **The experimental oil emulsion vaccine developed by the scientists is more effective than commercial vaccines because it boosts levels of antibodies produced by the hens.**

Source: [http://www.cropdecisions.com/show\\_story.php?id=19358](http://www.cropdecisions.com/show_story.php?id=19358)

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## **Food Sector**

14. *May 02, Associated Press* — **Bacteria closes some Gonzales public school cafeterias.** Monterey, CA health officials have closed cafeterias in at least three Gonzales public schools after finding E–coli bacteria at Gonzales High. County spokeswoman Maia Carroll says the move is just a precaution. She pointed out that nobody has gotten sick from the bacteria. **The bacteria was found during a routine sampling at the school's cafeteria Wednesday and was confirmed yesterday as E–coli. That prompted the Health Department to advise Gonzales High, La Gloria, Fairview Middle, and Headstart schools to stop making and serving meals until further notice.**

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/5770565.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

15. *May 01, South Florida Sun–Sentinel* — **No answers in how Boca water got contaminated. Boca Raton, FL officials this week closed their investigation into the cause of the December water contamination without concluding how coliform bacteria entered the**



**municipal water system.** In a final report to the Palm Beach County Health Department, the city reported that it has examined all possible leads and couldn't pinpoint the cause, said Mike Woika, city utility services director. Officials continue to believe the bacteria from a nearby construction site entered the water system through rain runoff, he said. More than 250,000 Boca Raton water customers had to boil their water for four days beginning on December 12 until tests showed samples were free of the bacteria. **The city and two independent consultants looked at whether the problems originated from the water–disinfecting process, the amount and type of chlorine in the water and the water plant's backwash–recovery basin, where water used to clean the plant's filters is stored.**

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/palmbeach/sfl-pwater01may01.0.909765.story?coll=sfla-news-palm>

16. *May 01, USA Today* — **Feds plan to play sheriff in West's water wars. The Bush administration will unveil an initiative next week that would put the federal government in the lead role in trying to avert water shortages among some of the fastest–growing areas in the arid western states.** Interior Secretary Gale Norton will present the proposal Tuesday to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. **Among the proposed steps: creating banks of water that could be transferred between urban and agricultural users during times of drought; modernizing how farms are irrigated and plugging the leaks in delivery systems to save on the precious resource; stepping up research on cheaper ways to remove salt from seawater and groundwater to make them drinkable.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-05-01-water-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-05-01-water-usat_x.htm)

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## **Public Health Sector**

17. *May 02, icWales* — **Younger children have lower SARS risk.** Younger children are less susceptible to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), scientists said. **Although the virus has killed at least 394 people worldwide, no children have died.** Specialists in Hong Kong today revealed that youngsters hit by SARS develop a much milder strain of the condition. The research centred on ten children who were admitted to either the Prince of Wales or Princess Margaret hospitals in Hong Kong. Two distinct patterns were discovered, according to paediatrician Professor Tai Fai Fok, of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, who led the study. **Teenage patients presented symptoms similar to adults, such as malaise and muscle–aching but younger children had much milder symptoms, such as a cough or runny nose. The treatment for the younger children was also much milder and shorter, he said, while the four teenagers required oxygen treatment for severe respiratory problems.**

Source: <http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0600uk/page.cfm?obje ctid=12912484id=50082%20children%20have%20lower%20Sars%20risk>

18. *May 02, Miami Herald* — **Scientists working on antibiotics are in power struggle with germs.** Scientists are working to develop a new generation of stronger, smarter antibiotics they hope will kill bacteria that overwhelm today's drugs. **The growing problem of antibiotic resistance is one of modern medicine's greatest fears, and it has set off an arms race between frustrated doctors and wily germs that outwit even the latest drugs.** A virulent bacterium common in hospitals, *Staphylococcus aureus* or staph is resistant to every known

antibiotic. Some other microbes are almost as hard to destroy. An estimated 14,000 deaths every year are blamed on drug-resistant bacteria common in U.S. hospitals. **Unless a solution is found, doctors fear that infectious diseases will again be as deadly as they were before the discovery of penicillin a half-century ago.**

Source: [http://www.smalltimes.com/document\\_display.cfm?document\\_id=5946](http://www.smalltimes.com/document_display.cfm?document_id=5946)

19. *May 02, AScribe Newswire* — **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center research sheds light on SARS. Dr. William Gallaher, Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, with collaboration from Dr. Robert Garry, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Tulane University Health Sciences Center, has developed a model of a critical surface protein of the virus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that could pave the way for new effective antiviral drugs to treat it.** Prior to the SARS outbreak, Drs. Gallaher and Garry began a research project to integrate what was known of the coronavirus spike protein into a model of its overall structure. When the genetic sequence of the SARS coronavirus was announced, they were uniquely positioned to analyze that sequence and develop a model that covers the last 314 amino acids of the spike glycoprotein just before the protein is anchored into the viral envelope. **The research team is currently investigating and testing such peptides as antiviral fusion inhibitors against coronaviruses in a manner that does not pose a biohazard to human beings. They are also investigating and testing current reagents such as human monoclonal antibodies as well as already licensed antiviral drugs that may have efficacy against SARS.**

Source: <http://www.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/spew4th.pl?ascribeid=20030502.060450DT=>

20. *May 01, Seattle Post Intelligencer* — **Infant pneumonia vaccine may cut families' illness.** A new pneumonia vaccine for infants dramatically reduces serious illness in young children and could prevent the spread of the bacteria to adults, researchers report. **The first pneumonia vaccine for babies was approved in 2000 and is now recommended for all children younger than two years.** It fights infections caused by pneumococcus bacteria, including pneumonia, blood poisoning, meningitis, and ear infections. **Researchers say they believe the vaccine reduced the rate of blood infections and meningitis in children younger than two years by nearly 70 percent. "The vaccine is working. It is not only preventing diseases in high-risk children but also in their families,"** said Dr. Cynthia Whitney, who led the study for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsurface.com/national/119991\\_medi01.html](http://seattlepi.nwsurface.com/national/119991_medi01.html)

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## **Government Sector**

21. *May 02, Government Executive* — **Administration rethinks system for allocating security funds.** To better meet the needs of states and localities, the Homeland Security Department is considering new ways of allocating funds to emergency "first responders" for counter terrorism and other disaster preparedness, Secretary Tom Ridge said Thursday. **Acknowledging the problems that state and local police, fire and other emergency-response organizations face in obtaining federal grants, Ridge told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee that his department has been experimenting with different mechanisms to calculate how**



**much money states and communities should receive.** "Our current formula fails to recognize that linear population increases do not equate into linear threat increases," Ridge said of the grant–distribution process. Instead, the department is considering how to weight those factors as well as a region's degree of vulnerability. **Threat assessments are based on intelligence that considers catastrophic damage that could result from an attack. Vulnerabilities could include the number of critical infrastructures housed within state and national landmarks, for example.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/050103td1.htm>

22. *May 02, Government Executive* — **Senate panel prods agencies to share intelligence.** The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence voted unanimously Thursday to approve an intelligence authorization bill for fiscal 2004 that attempts to improve the sharing and analysis of critical information among intelligence agencies. **The bill provides the funding necessary to establish a single governmentwide terrorist watch list, according to information released by the committee at the end of its closed–door markup. It also provides increased funding to standardize databases to facilitate access to information.** In addition, the bill requires the director of central intelligence to conduct a pilot program "to determine the feasibility and advisability of permitting intelligence analysts access to raw intelligence from the databases of other elements of the community," the committee said in its news release. The ultimate goal will be to achieve "all source fusion of data," the panel said.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/050203cdam1.htm>

23. *May 02, Government Executive* — **House chairman plans overhaul of Homeland Security Act.** House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox on Friday said he plans to offer a bill by summer's end that would make substantive revisions in the law that created the Homeland Security Department. **Under his own initiative, Cox wrote about a month ago to chairmen and ranking Democrats of every House committee asking for suggestions to amend the act, and he has received some answers.** Cox said the act warrants a review "now that we've had time to sleep on it," to fix problems made in haste. "It is the largest reorganization of the federal government in my lifetime, and it was done very quickly." The bill Cox is considering is different from the measure, H.R. 1416, passed recently by his committee that would make "technical corrections" in the Homeland Security Act. That bill may go to the House floor as soon as next week, he said.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/050203td1.htm>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

24. *May 02, Government Computer News* — **Bug delays Outlook 2003's release. A bug lives on in the latest beta version of Microsoft Outlook 2003 despite two widely publicized fixes.**

The Inbox bug systematically deletes e-mail messages throughout networked systems that still have Outlook 2002 installed. **One workaround proposed by Microsoft involves 21 steps** to redirect the location of the cache and change the location of the default profile's Offline Folder File. That didn't work in tests conducted by Government Computer News. Another workaround, which also didn't fix the Outlook bug, is to back up all user data on the server running Microsoft Exchange Server and then delete and recreate the Outlook Profiles. Backup is necessary because this procedure deletes calendar data, e-mails and so on. **Microsoft has delayed final product release from early summer to late summer or early fall.**

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/21990-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/21990-1.html)

25. *May 02, Rocky Mountain News* — **Hackers damage Internet radio site. Hackers broke into the Web site of an Internet radio station in Denver, CO that's sponsoring a Denver conference next week aimed at thwarting computer break-ins.** The attack is believed to have caused more than \$50,000 in damage. Larry Nelson of the w3w3 network, the target of the attack and sponsor of the conference dubbed "Cyber Security Super Bowl," said **the hackers got away with up to 1,000 names and e-mail addresses** for people attending the conference. **The conference will bring together industry and government experts from around the nation to discuss homeland defense and cybersecurity** – a growing field that aims to protect computer systems from hackers. Nelson said **the FBI and two cybersecurity firms probing the attack plan to use the case as a model to underscore the threat of Internet-based break-ins.**

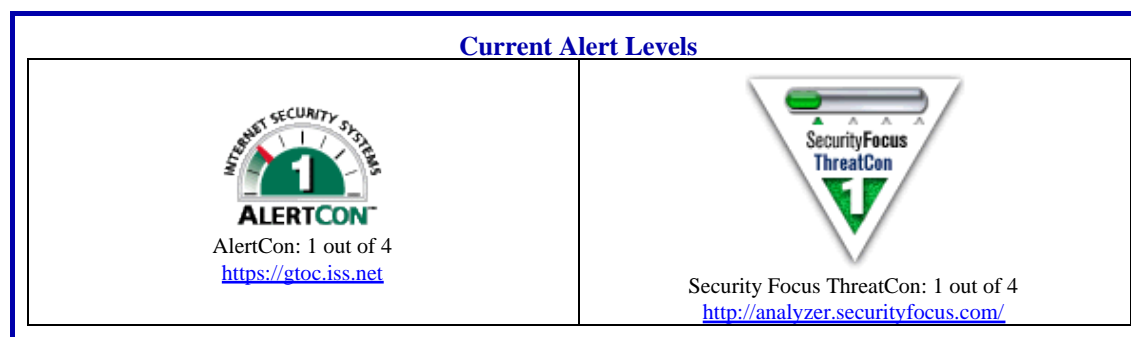
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26. *May 01, eWEEK* — **Microsoft updates patch for Windows flaw. Microsoft Corp. has released an updated patch for a security vulnerability discovered in Windows NT 4.0 in December. The new update fixes a flaw in the original patch that installed the wrong binaries on multi-processor machines, causing them to crash in some situations.** The original vulnerability that the patch was meant to fix affected Windows 2000 and XP as well. **But the problem that prompted the release of the new patch only occurs in machines running Windows NT 4.0 Terminal Services Edition.** The revised bulletin and patch for this flaw are available on the Microsoft Website:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS02-071.asp>.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,3959,1051974,00.asp>

### Internet Alert Dashboard



### Current Virus and Port Attacks

<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_LOVGATE.F</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 25 (smtp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 139 (netbios-ssn), 41170 (----), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 22321 (wnn6_Tw), 113 (ident) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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## General Sector

27. *May 04, Washington Post* — **Iraqi nuclear site is found looted.** A specially trained Defense Department team, dispatched to survey a major Iraqi radioactive waste repository, on Saturday found the site heavily looted and said it was impossible to tell whether nuclear materials were missing. **The discovery at the Baghdad Nuclear Research Facility was the second since the end of the war in which a known nuclear cache was plundered extensively enough that authorities could not rule out the possibility that deadly materials had been stolen.** The survey, conducted by a U.S. Special Forces detachment and eight nuclear experts from a Pentagon office called the Direct Support Team, appeared to offer fresh evidence that the war has dispersed the country's most dangerous technologies beyond anyone's knowledge or control. **In all, seven sites associated with Iraq's nuclear program have been visited by the Pentagon's "special nuclear programs" teams since the war ended last month. None was found to be intact, though it remains unclear what materials -- if any -- had been removed.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A10888-2003May 3.html>

28. *May 04, Los Angeles Times* — **Syria puts new curbs on militants.** Syrian President Bashar Assad has ordered the offices of three of the most notorious Palestinian and Islamic extremist groups in this capital to be closed, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell said Saturday. **American officials reacted cautiously to the move -- a key U.S. demand -- because Assad has made promises in the past he has failed to fulfill.** But Powell said that he had told the Syrian leader of other measures Washington expects the regime to take and that the Bush administration would be waiting for a response. **The three groups are Hamas and Islamic Jihad, both militant Muslim groups linked to dozens of suicide bombings in Israel, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, an older secular group that rejects peace with the Jewish state. Damascus is the most important base for all three outside the Palestinian territories.**

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-powell4may04.1.2839103.story?coll=la%2Dhome%2Dheadlines>

29. *May 02, Reuters* — **Pakistani police arrest two more al Qaeda suspects.** Pakistani police have arrested two more men suspected of having links with the al Qaeda network and seized a large quantity of explosives and some weapons, police said Friday. **The two suspects, both of them Pakistani, were detained in the port city of Karachi Thursday night. "They were arrested last night. We are interrogating them about their possible links with al Qaeda,"**

said Syed Kamal Shah, inspector general of police in Sindh province. Another police official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the two were caught while moving about 300 pounds of explosives and some weapons in a van. It was not clear if the latest arrests were linked to the arrest Tuesday of six al Qaeda suspects, including a Yemeni, Waleed Muhammed Bin Attash alias Khalid Al-Attash, believed to have been involved in the October 2000 attack on USS Cole warship in Yemen.

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30. *May 02, Associated Press* — **Two U.S. Foreign Service staffers accused of plot. Two married State Department employees, including the chief administrative officer at the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka, were indicted Thursday for allegedly accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars to issue visas to foreign citizens who wanted to enter the United States.** Seven others are also named in the federal indictment issued in Sacramento. Eight of the nine defendants have been arrested after searches of five locations in three states that yielded more than \$175,000 in cash, the U.S. Justice Department said. Acey R. Johnson, 32, until recently employed in the consular section of the embassy in Colombo, Sri Lanka, is accused of issuing scores of entry visas to residents primarily of India and Vietnam from 2000 to 2001. Johnson's wife since 1992, 51-year-old Long N. Lee, was arrested Wednesday after she was escorted from the embassy in Sri Lanka to Dulles International Airport outside Washington by State Department agents. She is a career Foreign Service employee who was the embassy's chief administrative officer. **All nine are charged with conspiring to defraud the U.S., bribe public officials and commit visa fraud.**

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31. *May 02, Associated Press* — **Scientists propose quake alert system.** Scientists working in Southern California have proposed a way of interpreting feeble tremors that herald a large earthquake, a step that could help in providing advance warning. **The system theoretically could give anywhere from seconds to tens of seconds of advance notice – enough time to send school children diving below their desks or to cut the flow of gas through pipelines vulnerable to rupture, scientists said.** The first indication at the surface that a large earthquake has occurred is typically the jolt caused by the arrival of a fast-moving but low-energy wave called the primary or P wave. Richard Allen of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Hiroo Kanamori of the California Institute of Technology **developed a way to determine the location, origin, time and – most importantly – magnitude of an earthquake from as little as four seconds of measurements of the P wave.** The system would rely on seismic instruments already deployed across the greater Los Angeles region.

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